



Appln. No. 09/823,134  
Amendment dated March 1, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of October 29, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 01196/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Shoichi NAGATOMO et al.  
Serial No. : 09/823,134  
Filed : March 30, 2001  
For : APPARATUS FOR DETECTING  
A DISCONTINUITY IN A  
RECORDING TRACK DUE TO THE  
NON-CIRCULARITY OF THE  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND  
PROCESSING DATA TO OVERCOME  
DISCONTINUITY (As Amended)

Art Unit : 2655

Examiner : Gautam Patel

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.